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## Rep. Kitchens recognized by state Wildlife Federation

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MADISON, Wis. – Rep. Joel Kitchens, R-Sturgeon Bay, is honored to be named the Conservation Legislator of the Year by the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation.

The state Wildlife Federation bases this particular award on outstanding legislative accomplishments that have made a significant contribution to the preservation and management of Wisconsin's natural resources.

"I am proud that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation has recognized my efforts in protecting our environment," Rep. Kitchens said. "Part of the mission of this very dedicated group is to support nature-based outdoor recreational pursuits, protect fish and wildlife habitats and assure access to public lands and waters.

"None of those would be possible without our critical natural resources," he added. "I look forward to continuing to collaborate with the WWF on their environmental initiatives so that our outdoor recreational areas can be enjoyed by our residents and visitors for generations to come."

Rep. Kitchens was named the WWF's Conservation Legislator of the Year because of his past and current legislative work related to the environment. Some of his achievements include banning plastic microbeads, reauthorizing the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program and increasing funding for producer-led watershed protection grants and the state's soil and water resource management program.

Rep. Kitchens is also the chairman of the Assembly Environment Committee and served on the Speaker's Task Force on Water Quality. Furthermore, he partnered with farmers and environmental groups to implement NR 151 rules for manure management in northeast Wisconsin.

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